

The DARK SLENDER BOY

Seán O Seanacháin (18th c.)

Freely (mm ~ 40)

mf

3

1 2

6

9

12

1 2

This piece is taken from the *Songs of the Irish* collection. Quoting Donal O Sullivan's notes there: "In this song we have the attractive concept of the Spirit of Drink as a Dark Slender Boy who accompanies his protegé everywhere. The author of the conceit was a Munster poet of the mid-Eighteenth Century named Seán ó Seanacháin (John Shanahan), whose eccentric character and general irresponsibility earned for him the sobriquet of 'Seán Aerach' or 'Flighty Jack'."